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## MAY STOP BOOZE OCT. 1

Legislature Adjourns Until August, When Prohibition Will Come Up

Victoria, May 18:—A commission will be named to investigate charges in connection with the soldiers' vote on prohibition. The session of the legislature will be adjourned until August, when the report of the commission will be considered. If irregularities are shown prohibition will be brought into force on October 1.

Victoria, May 19:—Whiteside, Pauline and Nelson have been appointed a commission to investigate the soldiers' vote. They will leave for England at once.

## LOCAL SOLDIERS KILLED IN ACTION

Two more local men have made the supreme sacrifice for their country, Sergt. Charles Helas and Private Frank Grey having been killed in the Battle of Arras. Both enlisted in one of the B. C. Highland battalions.

James Turnbull and "Spot" Middleton, both of whom have seen long service and have recently been discharged from hospital, are now on duty at the B. C. base at Hastings, England.

Jack Morison has recovered from his wounds and returned to duty.

R. D'Egville is now second lieutenant in the 12th Labor Company, Northampton Regt., and is at the front.

The First Pioneers, which includes a score of Hazelton men, is now known as the 9th Canadian Battalion, Railway Troops.

Sergt. W. A. Macdonald, of the 2nd Pioneers, writes that Jack Edwards, well known here, is a sergeant in that corps.

Sergt. Jack Bennett is in hospital at Sheffield, where a shrapnel bullet was extracted from his leg. He expects to be fit for duty again in a short time.

## Tells of Groundhog Coal

A booklet on Canada's mines, circulated at the Panama fair, says of Groundhog coalfields: "About 140 miles by trail north from Hazelton near the headwaters of the west fork of the Skeena River, is another coalfield of great promise, known as the Groundhog coalfield. This coal is anthracite or semi-anthracite in character. From present indications and developments it seems as though this coalfield would prove to be one of the most important developments the province has seen for many years. The field is as yet only slightly developed, and

# RUSSIAN SITUATION IMPROVED

## REPUBLIC PROMISES TO TAKE OFFENSIVE--- HUNS PREPARE TO RETIRE ON FRENCH FRONT

London: There is further encouraging news from Russia. General Brusiloff has withdrawn his resignation and will return to the front, and renewed offensives against Germany are promised. Amity between the duma and the workmen's council has been restored.

From the French front comes the report that the enemy is adopting precisely the same tactics in destroying towns and villages and transferring troops as those which preceded the famous retreat to the Hindenburg line.

General Haig reports that north-east of Armentieres two hostile raids were beaten off. There is no mention of further fighting at Bullecourt or anywhere else on the Hindenburg line.

The first American medical corps has reached England, and was heartily welcomed.

American destroyers beat off a submarine which sought to attack the White Star liner Adriatic.

Petrograd: Russia's new coalition cabinet was completed today and accepted by both the duma and the soldiers' and workmen's council. Six of the fourteen cabinet places are filled by socialists.

Paris: That the former Czar

and the Kaiser signed a secret treaty in 1905 has just been disclosed. A Moscow paper publishes a long account of the treacherous pact arranged by the two rulers and aimed against France. Count Witte succeeded in having the agreement cancelled.

Rome: Austria has ordered all civilians to evacuate the Isonzo sector, in which the Italians are steadily forging ahead. Trieste is panic-stricken at the approach of the Italian forces, which are now only twelve miles from the city. Banks and government offices are being removed, and business houses are hurriedly shipping their records to Vienna.

The Italians have taken 6432 prisoners in their present offensive.

Paris: A number of Japanese gunboats arrived at Marseilles to aid in the war on German U-boats and convoy French merchantmen.

Berlin: The ruins of the former village of Bullecourt were evacuated according to command without disturbance from the enemy, who established himself there twenty-four hours later.

Washington: Honduras has

broken off relations with Germany.

The selective draft army measure has passed congress and goes to the president for signature.

New York: Penfield, formerly ambassador to Austria, who has just returned, brings a tale of sorrow and suffering among the peasantry of France. He says "Almighty God will never permit the Kaiser's mad assault on civilization to be successful."

Distress in Austria, he declares, is terrible, but the country is not yet at the end of its resources. The people are kept in absolute ignorance of happenings in the outside world.

Washington: According to advices received here, the Chinese government has asked for a straight declaration of war on Germany.

New York: Senator Stone has attacked Roosevelt, saying that the ex-president plans to raise an army for personal and selfish ends.

Ottawa: That the selective draft system may be instituted in Canada was intimated by Premier Borden in an address in parliament yesterday.

## LOCAL NEWS PARAGRAPHS

Items Of General Interest From Hazelton and Surrounding District

Renew your miner's license before May 31.

T. P. Lake, of Carlisle, arrived on Wednesday.

J. A. Elliott, of Vancouver, came in on Thursday.

A. M. Kipp, of the Oceanic cannery, was here on Tuesday.

Shel. Robinson is doctoring his race-horse for a badly cut foot.

G. F. Johnston, of Prince Rupert, was among the week's visitors.

Angus Beaton came in from Third Cabin on Wednesday, en route to the coast for a visit.

George Beirnes, who has been spending a few weeks in the coast cities, returned on Wednesday.

Government Agent Hoskins returned on Monday from an official visit to Smithers and Telkwa.

Rev. W. S. A. Larter, of Smithers, arrived from the Valley on Monday, returning on Tuesday's train.

Many Hazelton Indians left during the week for the lower river and coast, for the salmon fishing season.

A large refrigerator, with capacity for a ton of ice, has been constructed in the local establishment of P. Burns & Co.

It is reported that T. T. Dunlop, of Smithers, has been appointed road superintendent for this district, and that his headquarters will be in his home town.

Wild geese, delayed in their northward flight by unfavorable weather conditions, have been frequenting grain fields in the vicinity of Hazelton during the last week or so.

An unprecedentedly late spring is reported by J. C. K. Sealy, who returned this week from his Bulkley Valley ranch. Farmers in the Valley have been delayed in their spring work, but are hopeful of a good growing season.

Dr. Wrinch and the other delegates to the Methodist conference were on Sunday's delayed train, but succeeded in making connection with the steamer at Inverness, the Prince Albert making a special call at that point to take them on.

**Manager Ware Leaves**  
Taking with him the good wishes of the people of the town, William Ware, the popular Hudson's Bay manager here, left on Tuesday for Fort Fraser, and other interior posts, which he will visit before going to his new post at Telegraph Creek. W. W. Anderson, who has returned to Hazelton to take Mr. Ware's place, is now in charge of the Hudson's Bay store, which should continue to prosper under his experienced management.

## FOREST BRANCH APPOINTMENTS

Forester Allen arrived from Prince Rupert on Wednesday and has been busy arranging for the work of his assistant rangers in this part of his district. Jerry Sullivan has been appointed for Hazelton; Howard Guest for Babine; C. R. Hood for Tatla Lake; R. Duff for the Bulkley Valley, and — McLean for Francois Lake.

Ranger Chettleburgh is in Rupert during the absence of Mr. Allen. The forester expects to remove his family to the coast city about June 1.

**Important Step Proposed**  
St. Paul, May 19:—Prominent railway heads are discussing the internationalization of American and Canadian railroads. They declare that co-operation is the essential need.

## Ferry Still Idle

Much inconvenience has been experienced by residents on the other side of the Skeena through the delay in installing the ferry. The pontoon ferry formerly in use on the Bulkley is now available for the Skeena crossing, but has not been removed to the latter point, nor has the boat heretofore used been placed in commission. It is to be hoped the district engineer will remedy this condition before he returns to the coast.

Jack J. McDonell, a brother of Roy McDonell, arrived from Lethbridge a few days ago, accompanied by P. Kelly, an Iowa man. The two visitors left with Roy for a trip to the Sibola country, to look over the mineral showings in the new district and to enjoy some trout fishing.

if but a fraction of its present promise is fulfilled it is bound to have a wonderfully stimulative effect upon the future of the province. This field was first discovered in 1903, though its full extent was not at the time recognized. More recent explorations have shown the field to extend in a northerly direction about 75 miles, and to have a width in places of about 30 miles. The rocks in which the coal occurs have been classed as of the Cretaceous age.

## War Pictures Were Good

The moving pictures shown by Dr. Mandy on Monday and Tuesday evenings, in Assembly Hall, were among the best that have been exhibited in Hazelton, and the large crowds which attended were well pleased with the war films and the comedies and dramas which were also screened. Dr. Mandy was as well satisfied with his reception in Hazelton as the people were with his pictures.

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By the report of the royal commission appointed to inquire into the transportation situation in Canada the great problem of the railways has been placed before parliament for solution. A majority recommendation—by Sir Henry Drayton and W. M. Acworth—favors the nationalization of all systems with the exception of the Canadian Pacific. A minority recommendation—by A. Smith, president of the New York Central—favors reorganization and a continuation of private administration. Either of these reports may be favored by the government or adopted by parliament. Of the two the Financial Post declares in favor of Mr. Smith, in principle if not in detail. It does so confident of the superiority of private administration—under reasonable government regulation—to give the most efficient and least costly service to the public and the nation, and believing that of the three members of the commission Mr. Smith was in the best position to appreciate from an unbiased standpoint the practical features of the problem, both as to what has been done and what must be done in the future.

In its attitude in favor of private operation of public utilities, the Post recognizes that the great fundamental principle of the success of such enterprises is service to the public. This attitude taken is not a popular one, but it is sincere. Public ownership as a theory cannot be discounted. In practice it is another matter. The Post believes that in a country like Canada, with unsettled conditions and great variety of national issues with their political reflection, and with control by politicians, who in the average are opportunists rather than statesmen, efficient administration under state control is practically impossible. In the long run the public pays for inefficiency in administration. Under public ownership the finances may be juggled in such a manner that the people are falsely enthused by direct benefits which they pay heavily for through general taxation.

To put into effect the recommendations of the majority report will mean that the government of Canada will take over and operate roads which will constitute what we are told "would be the largest system in the world with the exception of that of Germany." That such a system, covering thousands of miles and endeavoring to serve a multitude of interests—political and otherwise—can be efficiently operated by the government is something which those who understand the intricacies of large administration and the looseness of political service cannot hope for. To increase the difficulties, such a system would have to operate in opposition to the Canadian Pacific, one of the most efficient organizations in the world. Either one of two things would probably happen:

If the government endeavored to compete on a basis of business equality it would by that looseness of administration which features public ownership lose large sums of money which would either show in the reports or be covered up in the national finances, thus misleading the public.

Or in order to secure a large share of business the government system, backed by misguided public opinion, would reduce rates to such an extent that the Canadian Pacific could not give that efficient service which has meant and continues to mean so much to Canada's development. Government losses could either be hidden or, if shown, made to appear as the public contribution for the boon of low rates.

And just on this point of Canadian Pacific service it may be pointed out that neither report offered the suggestion that this system be taken over by the government also. If the government can efficiently manage all other systems which are now more or less crippled, why could it not take over the C.P.R. as well? The same report which recognizes that private ownership in one system is perfection recommends government ownership to repair the imperfections of others.

## FRIDAY'S WAR

### DESPATCHES

Petrograd: Russian troops have resumed hostilities, an offensive against the Teuton hordes being in progress along practically the entire northern front. Fraternizing of troops ceased very suddenly when a regiment which resisted the Hun blandishments was gassed and shelled.

London: In the heavy fighting around Bullecourt the British have progressed further through the village, and have reached the eastern edge.

Exceptionally heavy losses were inflicted upon the German forces sent against our line between Gavrelle and the Scarpe river.

Both in Mesopotamia and Macedonia British armies have made important captures. In the Lake Doiran district we captured 5000 yards of enemy trenches and in the Struma river sector 3000 yards.

Berlin: In the face of strong British counter-attacks the Germans were forced to give up ground recaptured at Roëux.

Paris: For the second succes-

sive night the enemy threw violent attacking waves against the French positions north of Moulin and Laffraux. They were repulsed, as were attacks elsewhere.

London: Good results are looked for from Lord Cecil's clarifying speech on the Allies' aims. Briefly, all previous statements of the Entente purposes stand. The Allies favor Russia's plan for annexations and no indemnities, on the understanding that while there shall be neither annexations nor indemnities for political aggrandizement, both may be necessary to assure the freedom of peoples held in bondage by the central powers and to atone for such acts as the invasion of Belgium, France, Serbia, and Poland. It is believed Cecil's speech will prove an effective answer to the angling of Hollweg.

Lloyd George has submitted Home Rule proposals, offering exclusion for the six Ulster counties or the alternative of a convention to arrange a scheme of self-government.

Copenhagen: Germany's peace campaign is a ruse to fool the Allies. The chancellor's latest address throws off the mask and shows the Teutons are bent on war and conquest. Reports of internal dissensions are part of a well-considered propaganda. Hollweg is as strong as ever, dissatisfaction of radicals being overwhelmed by general optimism.

### Control of Garden Insects

The entomological branch of the Dominion department of agriculture has issued Circular No. 9, on "Common Garden Insects and their Control." This publication includes an account of the more important insect pests of the vegetable and flower garden. It has been prepared for wide distribution at this time when everywhere throughout Canada efforts are being earnestly made to increase the production of vegetable foods, etc., in backyards, vacant lots, and other areas near cities and towns. The remedial measures for controlling the common destructive species and also formulae for the making of the chief insecticides are given. For easy reference the insects are grouped under the crop or flowering plants they infest. Gardeners will find this publication a most useful means for solving many troubles that will arise. Application for this entomological circular No. 9 should be made to the chief of the publications branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. Insects concerning which further information is desired should be sent with a covering letter to the Dominion Entomologist, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. Packages and letters so addressed, up to 11 ounces in weight, may be forwarded free of postage.

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## SOME CAN FIGHT, SOME CAN WORK OR PAY --- ALL CAN SERVE



## The World's Doings in Brief

News Notes from Many Sources

London busmen went on strike this week.

Democratic sentiment is developing in Japan.

The German empress is selling her wonderful jewels.

The high infant death rate in Britain causes anxiety.

Six hundred invalided soldiers returned to Canada this week.

Enemy aliens will not be allowed to sail from the United States.

Six thousand coal miners in Alberta and eastern B.C. are now on strike.

Shipbuilding yards in Great Britain now employ 150,000 additional men.

Joseph Choate, former U. S. ambassador to Britain, is dead at the age of 85.

Munition workers fomenting strikes in Britain are liable to life imprisonment.

The U.S. this week extended a credit of \$45,000,000 to Belgium and \$100,000,000 to Russia.

Bandits killed three persons in a raid on a bank at Castle Shannon, a suburb of Pittsburg.

The question of prohibition in the U. S. during the war may be left to the decision of President Wilson.

May wheat reached 3.25 in Chicago before board of trade officials stopped all trading in futures.

The ice went out of the Yukon on Tuesday, the latest date since 1899, when the river opened on May 17.

The British artillery has expended 200,000 tons of shells since the beginning of the battle of Arras.

Fifty thousand tons of stone are required each week to mend the roads behind the British lines in France.

Judge Young has been appointed a commissioner to investigate charges in connection with the Fort George election.

There are ten million males between the ages of 21 and 30 in the United States, according to figures just compiled.

Those who wish to buy liquor in Sweden must be equipped with government passbooks, in which their purchases are entered.

Felix Diaz, the Mexican revolutionary general, is reported to have been killed in a dispute with another insurgent leader.

All males between 15 and 65 have been deported from the Belgian province of Luxemburg to work behind the German lines.

Denouncing food speculators, President Wilson declared that food control was second in importance only to military plans.

The British government has taken a definite step in the direction of state control of the liquor traffic by assuming charge of the breweries.

Horrible details concerning the German plants in which corpses of soldiers are converted into oils and other products have been made public.

Bernstorff, former German minister at Washington, is likely to

be appointed ambassador to Sweden. In some quarters it is believed that he may replace Chancellor Hollweg or Foreign Secretary Zimmermann.

Captain Albert Ball, who fought more than 100 air battles before he was twenty, and who brought down 29 German machines, is reported missing.

Four men were killed and three fatally injured in an explosion which damaged the government pier near the Soo locks at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on Wednesday.

France will appropriate 9,843 million francs for the war expenses of the third quarter of 1917, bringing her total war expenditures to Sept. 30 next up to ninety billion francs.

A summer school for teachers of the province, with courses in rural science, art, household science, vocal music, and manual training will be held in Victoria, from July 3 to August 3.

J. S. Cowper's charge that Attorney-General Macdonald received \$15,000 from a C. N. R. official was proved in a judicial enquiry before Justice Gregory. Macdonald resigned his portfolio.

## MAY BUILD SMELTERS

Wide Scope of New Measure To Aid the Mining Industry

An important mining bill just introduced in the legislature looks to the provision of facilities for the marketing and reduction of British Columbia ores. While the proposed measure is of a very general character, it may be made the means of aiding the mining industry to a very great extent if its provisions are carried out in a non-partisan spirit and by expert and practical mining men. Following are the chief sections:

"The minister of mines is hereby empowered to and he may cause to be made inquiries and reports of ores available in any district, and as to the necessity of public aid in the mining or treating of such ores or minerals; and when such reports or inquiries indicate such course to be justifiable, he shall have full power to acquire sites for and to construct, equip, maintain and operate one or more public sampling works, concentrating plants, customsmelters or refineries, or other plants or processes, together with such yards, buildings, wharves tramways, roads, and premises as, in the discretion of the minister of mines, are necessary or expedient for the operation of such plants or processes."

If established, the smelters and refineries shall be used in the treatment of ores from British Columbia or elsewhere, preference being given to the British Columbia ores. Up to the extent of the capacity of the plants, ore will be accepted for treatment in the order in which it shall be tendered, and no special or exclusive right shall be enjoyed by any person. Settlement, as far as practicable, will be made for all ores in the order of their receipt. The minister will fix the fees to be charged.

The minister may also establish a department of ore purchasing and through it purchase ores out-

right or make advances upon ores secured by assignment thereof. Only ores produced in British Columbia shall be purchased. The appointment of managers and other persons required to carry on the plants, etc., will rest in the minister. Such officials will be under his control and he will fix their wages. Fortnightly payment of wages and an eight-hour day are provided for. Contracts to bind the Crown must be approved by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council by which the rules and regulations needed will be made.

### Addressing Soldiers' Mail

In order to facilitate the handling of mail at the front and to ensure prompt delivery, it is requested that all mail be addressed as follows:

- Regimental Number.
- Rank.
- Name.
- Squadron, Battery or Company.
- Battalion, Regiment (or other unit), Staff appointment or Department.
- CANADIAN CONTINGENT.
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- Army Post Office, LONDON England.

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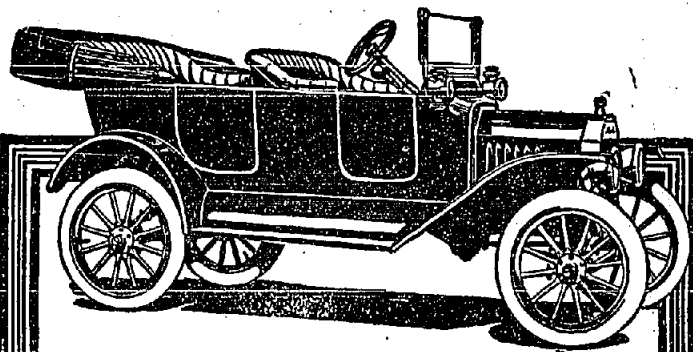
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## THE MINER WAR BULLETINS

MONDAY, MAY 14

London: In a series of attacks last night the British troops captured several German positions, including one or two which had been a source of trouble ever since the battle of Arras began. The famous chemical works north of the village of Roeux has been definitely taken possession of, as well as Roeux chateau and cemetery. The latter has been a bitter spot, the Boches having fortified the graves into defensive positions and turned underground vaults into strongholds.

Southeast of Monchy the British captured several pits and detached enemy trenches as well as Cavalry farm. South of the Cojeul river, in the neighborhood of Bullecourt, Haig's forces materially extended their holdings on the Hindenburg line. Bullecourt is practically surrounded. Over 600 prisoners were taken.

A resumption by the Russians of the offensive movement in conjunction with the British campaign in Mesopotamia is officially announced. Russian troops have crossed the Diala in the rear of the Turkish forces retreating before the British advance. The enemy has taken refuge in the Jabel Hamrin hills, about 100 miles northwest of Bagdad.

In Macedonia the Servians have conquered and held against several counter-attacks trenches on Dobropolys heights east of the Cerna river.

There are indications of renewed activity by the British army which is invading Palestine. Turkish positions in the Gaza region are being bombarded.

Zeebrugge was heavily bombarded by warships on Saturday.

Amsterdam: Austrians are suffering great hardships. The emperor exhorts his people to hold out until the harvest gives relief. Many months of suffering must be endured.

The failure of German crops is threatened. Owing to severe weather rye, barley and oats are weeks behind normal growth. Agricultural conditions have been very bad during seeding season.

Copenhagen: General von Ardenne, the German military expert who has just returned from the western front, says the Germans are worried by the tanks and gas grenades. He declares the British tank a most amazing war weapon.

Washington: Congress authorized the Roosevelt expedition. The Colonel is delighted, but refuses to discuss his plans.

Montreal: Joffre is here today. He will be the guest of the Dominion at a state luncheon, and will receive a civic address.

Ottawa: Viviani arrived here Saturday afternoon and was given a wonderful welcome. Addressing parliament, in a speech full of heart and fire, the French statesman thanked Canada on behalf of France.

TUESDAY, MAY 15

London: Russia's military power is weakening and crumbling. In presenting his resignation, Gutchkoff, a brilliant member of the duma, made a dramatically significant statement to the soldiers' delegates, declaring that the lib-

erty and even existence of Russia was threatened by the soldiers' council. This body is apparently assuming control, and may yet overthrow the government. The council is disorganizing the whole nation for its policy.

Germany has withdrawn forty divisions, comprising approximately 600,000 men, from the Russian east front, and is hurrying them to France to oppose the Franco-British offensive.

London: Northeast of Epehy and north of Ypres hostile raids were repulsed. Roeux has been the storm center of the fighting of the past three or four days.

At Fresnoy and Bullecourt German counter-attacks have been almost continuous and the fighting has been of the greatest intensity. Roeux is one of the key positions of the Oppy supplementary wing of the German line. By progressing at Roeux and maintaining an unbreakable hold on Bullecourt, the British have a grip on two parts of the vaunted Hindenburg line.

Germany lost 200,000 killed, wounded and captured during the latter half of April. Her losses in May have been proportionately greater.

Sir John Jellicoe has been appointed chief of the naval staff.

The zeppelin L22 was destroyed in the North Sea by naval gunners. It is conjectured that a naval battle may be coming, on the theory that apparently aimless raids may be German feelers. The British are supremely confident of the result should the enemy come out.

Amsterdam: Hindenburg and Hollweg are at outs. The latter flatly refused to adopt the policy of the commander, who is opposed to government reforms. The chancellor's peace terms speech has been postponed until July. Hollweg has gone to Vienna.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

London: Germany launched concerted counter-attacks on both French and British fronts today, with such force as to suggest an almost general counter-offensive movement. Most of the attacks were repulsed, but the British and French were compelled to relinquish insignificant bits of ground. Violent German attacks on the portions of the Hindenburg line held by the British around Bullecourt were repulsed. Haig reports heavy fighting around this stronghold and the defeat of the enemy objective.

The British carried out a successful raid near Ypres. Hollweg refuses to discuss the war or Germany's peace aims in the reichstag.

Paris: General Petain was today named generalissimo of the French armies, with supreme command of the forces in the field. General Foch succeeds Petain as chief-of-staff. General Nivelle will have command of certain army groups.

The Germans launched an attack against the French lines on a wide front near Bouvella, following violent bombardment. Heavy fighting in various other sectors is also reported. In Wœvre and Lorraine French raiding parties cleaned up enemy trenches, taking many prisoners.

Petrograd: Russian reverses in

the Caucasian and Mesopotamian campaigns are reported today.

Duma leaders are alive to the perils of the situation. Miliukoff has gone to the front to strive for the unity of action which may avert irreparable disaster. The workmen's and soldiers' council has issued an appeal to the army to fight against the insidious advances of their German 'friends.'

Generals Brusiloff and Gourka resigned today. The former is regarded as the most notable of Russian commanders.

Rome: Italy's general offensive is apparently beginning on a large scale. From Tolmino to the sea our artillery fire is intense.

Washington: The Roosevelt division amendment is now a clause in the selective draft army bill.

Dilatory tactics of congressmen in dealing with war legislation worry the president.

Amsterdam: Germans have about 325 U-boats operating, and from 80 to 100 have been caught in British nets, according to a member of a captured submarine crew.

Ottawa: Premier Borden and party have arrived from London.

THURSDAY, MAY 17

London: Germany's counter-offensive, which started yesterday with concerted attacks on the British and French fronts, has apparently worn itself out in vain beating against the Allies' positions. Haig's forces are steadily gaining around Bullecourt and north of the Scarpe. Fighting continues with unabated violence.

The Times gives this forecast of the Irish settlement: First, the immediate establishment of an Irish parliament in Dublin; second, the exclusion of northeast Ulster by a clean cut; third, the formation of a grand council, consisting of equal proportions of members of the Dublin parliament and representatives of the six counties of Ulster, to transact all common business and to direct any enactment of the Dublin parliament which shall apply to the excluded area.

Petrograd: The provisional government has rejected the terms proposed by the workmen's and soldiers' council for a coalition government. The council's insistence on certain changes in foreign policy prevented acceptance of its proposal by the duma leaders, who declared that they could not repudiate the principles formally announced on April 9, a step which would be necessary if the council's terms were fully accepted. This decision leaves the Russian situation again wide open.

Tertschensks, formerly minister of finance, will succeed Miliukoff as foreign minister. Kerensky, minister of justice, will succeed Gutchkoff as minister of war.

London: An American destroyer flotilla is now in European waters, under Rear-Admiral Sims, who is co-operating with the admiralty heads.

A formal admission that Germany is angling for separate peace with Russia was the main point of Hollweg's speech. Otherwise the chancellor merely recapitulated previous utterances in his bombastic address to the reichstag.

Rome: The Italian advance becomes greater. Guns are now roaring along a 25-mile front, the heavy calibers doing effective work as the infantry advances. The Austrians are stubbornly resisting.

FRIDAY, MAY 18

Washington: Official advices state that the new Russian ministers have declared for vigorous prosecution of the war.

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Pittsburg: Fifty soldiers are ill with poisoning symptoms similar to those of Lieut. Corcoran, who died yesterday. All ate pudding at a restaurant, the German proprietor of which is under arrest.

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